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## **Kelso Community Solar Participant Enrollment to Close July 28**

**July 24, 2015, Kelso, Wash.** – The City of Kelso wishes to remind residents interested in participating in the Kelso Community Solar Project to apply by July 28. Developed by Inovus Solar as part of its mission to make the benefits of solar accessible to everyone, the 46.17 kW project will provide solar energy and savings to 40 local participants selected at random.

"To be considered for this innovative program, residents, non-profit organizations and businesses within the City must submit an application during the open enrollment period, which began on July 13, 2015 and runs through July 28," said Kelso City Manager Steve Taylor. "The 40 participants selected for the project among the applicants will see savings on their utility bills and could be eligible to receive a federal tax credit."

Community Solar is a solar-electric system that provides power and/or financial benefit to multiple community members – allowing residents to purchase a share of a panel that is installed somewhere and receive utility credit for their share of the panel's generation. The project approved by Kelso will be built by Inovus in the coming months.

### **Benefits to participants:**

- No cost
- Utility bill savings of \$60-\$80/year for the next 4.5 years or longer
- Own four solar panels and potentially receive up to \$1,248 back in a federal tax credit for owning those panels (ownership is virtual, limited to the length of the project)
- Increase energy independence and produce clean energy locally

### **How to qualify:**

- Live in the City of Kelso and/or operate a business or non-profit agency in Kelso
- Have an account with Cowlitz County PUD (local electric utility)
- Provide your address that is associated with your Cowlitz County PUD account number
- Fill out application and submit for lottery selection

### **Selection Process:**

- Submit an application, during the open enrollment, to be considered for the project.

- Open enrollment for this project **begins July 13, 2015 through July 28, 2015** (12 business days). Residents, non-profit organizations and businesses are invited to apply.
- The City and Inovus Solar will collect all the applications **by July 28, 2015**.
- Inovus Solar will hold a random lottery drawing of the applications on July 31 to choose the 40 participants in this project.
- All applicants will be notified within 10 business days whether they were selected or not.
- If you're selected you'll start accruing annual utility credits in the fall of 2015

**How and where to apply:**

- Apply online at [www.inovusintelligence.com/csp/city-of-kelso/](http://www.inovusintelligence.com/csp/city-of-kelso/)
- Find and submit an application at the Kelso City Hall
- Find and submit an application at the Kelso Library
- Or fill out the application and mail back to:  
Inovus Solar  
ATTN: Kelso Community Solar Project  
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